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Small Grains Summary

According to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region, Michigan wheat producers averaged 74 bushels per acre, down one bushel from last year's yield of 75 bushels per acre. Michigan wheat was grown on 570,000 acres, with 485,000 acres harvested for grain. Wheat production was 35.9 million bushels, down 21 percent compared to 2013.

Winter wheat planting had concluded in Michigan by late October. Crop emergence was on pace with average. Unseasonably cool spring temperatures across the state coupled with drier than normal soils in the major wheat-producing areas of the state led to poorer than normal crop condition by early May. Some winter wheat was cut for silage due to winter damage. Despite injured crowns and late spring green-up, overall crop yields were relatively good due largely to timely rainfall and mostly cool temperatures throughout the grain-fill period.

Michigan producers had an average oat yield of 69 bushels per acre, an increase of 7 bushels from last year. 40,000 acres of oats were harvested, up 10,000 from 2013. Production is up 48 percent at 2.76 million bushels. Conditions for growing oats were near ideal across the Great Lakes Region. Cooler prevailing temperatures with adequate rainfall throughout the summer months provided for an extended grain fill period, leading to improved yields.

Barley yield for the 2014 crop year was 53 bushels per acre, an increase of 1 bushel from the previous year. 8,000 acres were dedicated to barley with 7,000 acres harvested for grain. Barley production decreased 21 percent from 2013 for a total production of 371,000 bushels. Conditions for the growing season were near ideal, with a cool, wet spring proceeding into a warm and temperate summer.

Crop Summary, September 2014

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Barley						
Planted1,000 acres	11	10	8	3,637	3,528	2,975
Harvested1,000 acres	9	9	7	3,244	3,040	2,458
Yield Bushels	48.0	52.0	53.0	67.9	71.3	73.4
Production 1,000 bu	432	468	371	220,284	216,745	180,427
Oats						
Planted1,000 acres	50	50	50	2,760	2,980	2,723
Harvested1,000 acres	35	30	40	1,045	1,009	1,039
Yield Bushels	60.0	62.0	69.0	61.3	64.1	67.8
Production 1,000 bu	2,100	1,860	2,760	64,024	64,642	70,460
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	570	620	570	41,224	43,230	42,399
Harvested1,000 acres	540	590	485	34,734	32,650	32,304
Yield Bushels	76.0	75.0	74.0	47.3	47.3	42.6
Production 1,000 bu	41,040	44,250	35,890	1,641,272	1,542,902	1,377,526